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Subject: State Exercise Program
Attention: State Agency Emergency Management Coordinators

The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management Division (EMD) has been designated as the FY 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program Administrator (SHSGP). The Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) has provided the State of Michigan with grant funding to design, develop, conduct and evaluate chemical, biological, nuclear, radiological and explosive (CBRNE) weapons of mass destruction exercises. This "no match" grant funding is being made available to assist 194 sub-grantees, including 24 state agencies to enhance preparedness and response capabilities, through the development of targeted exercise activities.

The funds from this grant will cover authorized exercise expenses utilized in planning for, designing, developing, conducting and evaluating exercises that train emergency response personnel and assess their readiness to prevent and respond to a terrorist attack. This exercise grant opportunity will allow response personnel to prepare for, respond and recover from a CBRNE/WMD terrorist event by testing capabilities based on current policies, plans, procedures and equipment.

State agencies will receive assistance from EMD staff to assist in the design and development of grant exercise activities. EMD will provide necessary assistance to facilitate the participation and completion of required exercise activities for this grant. The Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) advocates progressive exercise activities to conduct one large-scale functional exercise, by activating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) as one of the targeted exercise activities. If interested, please complete the necessary grant agreement and pre-exercise paperwork, and return to Laurie Raines, Exercise Grant Coordinator. You may also wish to attend some of the Basic Exercise Design and Development Courses. Please visit the EMD website to register for these courses at www.michigan.gov/emd. You may further prepare by accessing the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) informational booklet, Volume I at ODP's website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/exercises/state.htm>.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Raines at 517-336-6355 or RainesLL@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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